

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A kit for purifying a protein, said kit comprising a first composition comprising ~~at least~~ a first metal ion chelate resin comprising a first immobilized metal ion and a second composition comprising a second metal ion chelate ~~affinity~~ resin comprising a second immobilized metal ion.

12. (Original) The kit according to Claim 11, wherein the first metal ion is a hard metal ion, and the second metal ion is an intermediate metal ion.

13. (Original) The kit according to Claim 12, wherein the hard metal ion is chosen from  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ; and the intermediate metal ion is chosen from  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ .

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The kit according to Claim 11, further comprising:  
an extraction buffer;  
a wash buffer; and  
an elution buffer.

17. (Original) The kit according to Claim 11, further comprising a column.

18. **(New)** A kit for purifying a protein, said kit comprising a first composition comprising a first metal ion chelate resin comprising a first immobilized  $\text{Co}^{2+}$  metal ion and a second composition comprising a second metal ion chelate resin comprising a second immobilized metal ion.
19. **(New)** The kit according to Claim 18, wherein the second metal ion is a hard metal ion.
20. **(New)** The kit according to Claim 19, wherein the hard metal ion is chosen from  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ .
21. **(New)** The kit according to Claim 18, further comprising:  
an extraction buffer;  
a wash buffer; and  
an elution buffer.
22. **(New)** The kit according to Claim 18, further comprising a column.